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Applicant: Ronald Carr ✓

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Title: JOINT ASSEMBLY EMPLOYING MULTI-RING GASKET, ✓

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Greetings:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2000, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 55, 56, 59, 66, 70, 73, 79, 82, 85, 88, 91 and 92 as follows:

--55. A gasket for providing a seal at the joint between a pair of pipe flanges for connecting one flange to the other, comprising:

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